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Upon entry of this Amendment, the following listing of claims replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 8-23 without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to the nonelected invention.

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously Presented) A method of identifying a compound that modulates a transcriptional response to hypoxia in a cell, said method comprising: contacting a cell, or the extracellular environment of a cell, with a candidate compound; subjecting the cell to hypoxic conditions; and assessing a transcriptional response of the cell to the hypoxic conditions.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the transcriptional response is expression of a reporter gene under the control of a hypoxia-responsive promoter or an endogenous hypoxia-responsive gene.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the reporter gene encodes luciferase, green fluorescent protein, yellow fluorescent protein, or cyano-fluorescent protein.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the endogenous gene encodes vascular endothelial growth factor, erythropoietin, heme oxygenase, iNOS, glucose transporter 1, glucose transporter 3, hexokinase, ALDA, ortransferrin.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is a cultured cell.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is in an animal.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the hypoxic conditions to which the cells are exposed induced by deferoxamine or cobalt chloride.